

## **APPENDIX A**

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### **PROJECT SCOPING**

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## Appendix I

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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: State Clearinghouse

1400 Tenth Street, Room 212

(Address)  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Rhonda Reed, CBDA

650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor

(Address)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

California Bay-Delta Authority will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study ( ☐ is ☐ is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

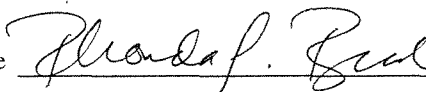
Please send your response to Rhonda Reed at the address shown above.  
We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-reach

Project Applicant, if any: The Nature Conservancy

Date 10/29/04

Signature



Title

Deputy Program Manager

Telephone

(916) 445-5511

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

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Notice of Preparation

November 5, 2004

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-Reach RM 178-206  
SCH# 2004112024

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Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-Reach RM 178-206 draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Rhonda Reed  
California Bay-Delta Authority  
650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Associate Planner, State Clearinghouse

Attachments  
cc: Lead Agency

**IOP Distribution List**

County: Butte / Glenn

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☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2004112024  
**Project Title** Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-Reach RM 178-206  
**Lead Agency** Bay-Delta Authority, California

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**Type** **NOP** Notice of Preparation  
**Description** Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-Reach RM 178-206 is a restoration project to restore approximately 813 acres of land on three tracts in Butte and Glenn Counties. The project will consist of vegetation removal and replacement as necessary to meet the goal of riparian habitat restoration that will improve the ecological health and long-term viability of at-risk species and biological communities of the Sacramento River while simultaneously increasing the benefits (e.g., improved water quality, flood damage reduction), that the river provides to humans.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

<b>Name</b>	Rhonda Reed		
<b>Agency</b>	California Bay-Delta Authority		
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<b>email</b>			
<b>Address</b>	650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor		
<b>City</b>	Sacramento	<b>State</b> CA	<b>Zip</b> 95814

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**Project Location**

<b>County</b>	Butte, Glenn			
<b>City</b>				
<b>Region</b>				
<b>Cross Streets</b>	River Mile 178-206			
<b>Parcel No.</b>	Various			
<b>Township</b>		<b>Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Base</b>

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**Proximity to:**

<b>Highways</b>	32
<b>Airports</b>	0
<b>Railways</b>	
<b>Waterways</b>	Sacramento River
<b>Schools</b>	0
<b>Land Use</b>	Butte County A-40; Glenn County Agricultural Preserve

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**Project Issues** Agricultural Land; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Public Services; Vegetation; Water Quality; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; Department of Conservation; Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Reclamation Board; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Region 2; Department of Health Services; Native American Heritage Commission; Caltrans, District 3; State Lands Commission; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Redding)

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<b>Date Received</b>	11/04/2004	<b>Start of Review</b>	11/05/2004	<b>End of Review</b>	12/06/2004
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# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Appendix C

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH# 2004112024

**Project Title:** Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-reach RM 178-206

**Lead Agency:** California Bay-Delta Authority

**Contact Person:** Rhonda Reed

**Mailing Address:** 650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor

**Phone:** 445-5511

**City:** Sacramento

**Zip:** 95814

**County:** Sacramento

## Project Location:

**County:** Butte; Glenn

**City/Nearest Community:** Hamilton City; Ord Bend

**Cross Streets:** River mile 178-206

**Zip Code:**

**Assessor's Parcel No.:** various

**Section:**

**Twp.:**

**Range:**

**Base:**

**Within 2 Miles:** State Hwy #: Hwy. 32

**Waterways:** Sacramento River

**Airports:** 0

**Railways:**

**Schools:** 0

## Document Type:

**CEQA:** ☒ NOP

☐ Draft EIR

☐ Early Cons

☒ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

☐ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.)

☐ Mit Neg Dec

☐ Other

**NEPA:** ☐ NOI

☐ EA

☐ Draft EIS

☐ FONSI

**Other:** ☐ Joint Document

☒ Final Document

☐ Other

## Local Action Type:

☒ General Plan Update

☐ Specific Plan

☐ Rezone

☐ Annexation

☐ General Plan Amendment

☐ Master Plan

☐ Prezone

☐ Redevelopment

☒ General Plan Element

☐ Planned Unit Development

☐ Use Permit

☒ Coastal Permit

☐ Community Plan

☐ Site Plan

☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☒ Other Restoration

## Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Educational \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Recreational \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Acres (approx.)** 813

☒ Other: Habitat

## Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☐ Aesthetic/Visual

☐ Fiscal

☒ Recreation/Parks

☒ Vegetation

☒ Agricultural Land

☐ Flood Plain/Flooding

☐ Schools/Universities

☒ Water Quality

☒ Air Quality

☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard

☒ Septic Systems

☐ Water Supply/Groundwater

☒ Archeological/Historical

☐ Geologic/Seismic

☐ Sewer Capacity

☒ Wetland/Riparian

☒ Biological Resources

☐ Minerals

☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

☒ Wildlife

☐ Coastal Zone

☐ Noise

☐ Solid Waste

☐ Growth Inducing

☒ Drainage/Absorption

☐ Population/Housing Balance

☐ Toxic/Hazardous

☒ Land Use

☒ Economic/Jobs

☒ Public Services/Facilities

☐ Traffic/Circulation

☒ Cumulative Effects

☐ Other

## Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Butte County A-40; Glenn County agricultural preserve

## Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

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# Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Appendix C, continued

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".  
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
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<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	
<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services	

## Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date November 5, 2004 Ending Date December 5, 2004

## Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>The Nature Conservancy</u>	Applicant: <u>California Bay-Delta Authority</u>
Address: <u>500 Main Street</u>	Address: <u>650 Capitol Mall, 5th floor</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Chico, CA 95928</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u>
Contact: <u>Ryan Luster</u>	Phone: <u>(916) 445-5511</u>
Phone: <u>(530) 897-6370</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11/03/04



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

~~Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-Reach RM 178-206 is a restoration project to restore approximately 813 acres of land on three tracts in Butte and Glenn Counties. Sunset Ranch (25 acres) is located in Butte County at river mile 199 east bank. Capay (550 acres) is located in Glenn County at river mile 194-193 west bank. Dead Man's Reach (238 acres) is located in Butte County at river mile 186.5-185 east bank. All three parcels are part of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge.~~

~~The project will consist of vegetation removal and replacement as necessary to meet the goal of riparian habitat restoration that will improve the ecological health and long-term viability of at-risk species and biological communities of the Sacramento River while simultaneously increasing the benefits (e.g., improved water quality, flood damage reduction), that the river provides to humans. Vegetation removal will include removal of full-size almond trees (Deadmans Reach site only), mowing, tilling with tractors and application of herbicide. Some irrigation systems will be modified and eventually removed. In order to eradicate non-native plants, repeat applications of herbicides may be used. The intended replacement vegetation includes grasses, cover crops, willows, cottonwoods, and oaks. Precise footprints of plantings are not available at this time but will be developed during the planning phase of the project after completion of CEQA requirements. The project will be informed by previously approved research being undertaken by TNC designed to test non-native plant eradication and native plant recruitment techniques. TNC intends to use subcontracts with local farmers to maintain the plantings at a level of 80% survival.~~



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December 2, 2004

**DIVISION OF  
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Ms. Rhonda Reed  
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Subject: SCH# 2004112024 – Notice of Preparation for the  
Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-Reach  
RM 178-206 Draft Environmental Impact Report, Butte  
County and Glenn County

Dear Ms. Reed:

The Department of Conservation's Division of Land Resource Protection (Division) monitors farmland conversion on a statewide basis and administers the California Land Conservation (Williamson) Act, California Farmland Conservancy Program, and other agricultural land conservation programs.

Staff has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the project cited above. The proposed project involves 813 acres on three tracts of land in Glenn and Butte Counties, and the project area is part of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge. The project, upon implementation will augment efforts to restore the riverine corridor along the Sacramento River and restoring riparian habitat. The project involves removing the agricultural infrastructural elements, the existing orchard on one of the tracts and applying herbicides to allow placement of native vegetative species.

We ask that the DEIR address the following concerns:

As the land has been acquired by a federal agency, we ask that impacts to agricultural resources be determined by use of the federal Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) model, as required by federal statute. Additionally, a LESA model related to conversions to riparian and wildlife habitat can be found at [http://www.itc.nl-rossiter/Docs/NRCS/LESA\\_Guidebook](http://www.itc.nl-rossiter/Docs/NRCS/LESA_Guidebook). Appendix C, Page 161

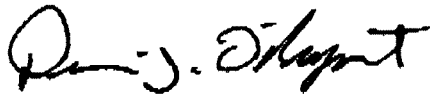
Ms. Rhonda Reed  
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provides guidance. We also ask that California's LESA model be used. The assessment manual can be found on our website. The DEIR should identify the areas within the project that are currently classified as prime farmland. The DEIR should also include a discussion of direct and indirect impacts on agricultural resources, such as potential shifts in management practices in adjacent farmed areas, and loss or impairment of farmland.

Mitigation measures may be made intrinsic to project. We would be pleased to meet with the lead agency representatives to discuss possible options for mitigation to the potential effects that the project may have on agricultural resources.

Please send a copy of the DEIR to the Department when it is available for review. Thank you for the opportunity to review the NOP. If you have any questions regarding these comments, or if we may be of assistance in the development of the environmental document, please contact Jeannie Blakeslee at (916) 323-4943.

Sincerely



Dennis J. O'Bryant  
Acting Assistant Director

cc: State Clearinghouse

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Nov. 29, 04

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RE: Chico landing Sub reach Restoration CEQA Process

Dear Ms. Fris

I am responding to the recent meeting in Ord Bend, Glenn County on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> regarding the Sacramento River Project SB1086. It was convenient for the California Bay Delta Authority and the Nature Conservancy that this meeting took place on the same day and time as another important weekly meeting (that discusses projects like this) that local affected individuals attend. This is as fair as other meetings held in the morning during the busiest times of year regarding this project. I view this as improper and unfair notification to concerned individuals and the general public. I myself by coincidence and luck have just learned of this project and am gravely concerned. Especially if the rumors and scuttlebutt are true that there is intention of this going in the direction of 4 miles wide and 34 miles long. My family farm is directly involved but has not been directly notified by any official organization. I am only a local citizen without property rights but who has family and friends within the path of your destruction all along the Sacramento River. You are destroying a way of life for hundreds of families. We all know that small privately owned farms are managed by the best environmentalist and caretakers available. I am not satisfied with any of the decisions or work thus far with this project. Why have hundreds of agricultural acres been taken and turned into a lesser use when a smaller percentage of land could have had the same resulting environmental need? How has the future lost revenue to previous private landowners and reduced amount of food to the world been fairly compensated to the proper parties? I am also not happy at the fact that written paper copies of all information are not readily or easily accessible to the public. I am not able to sit for hours at a computer and many others do not have internet access. One of the problems with only having access to what is on websites is that the paper trail and history of the project is lost upon each update. Self-employed farmers cannot change the weather and agriculture to suit bureaucratic time schedules, which you are using to your advantage. I used a fourth of a tank of gas and several long distance phone calls obtaining a copy of the latest management handbook with the at the proposed cost of ten dollars. I am asking for in the future for copies of the initial studies, notice of preparation and the environmental impact report as they are completed and on each update as well as being put on your regular mailing list. I am a disabled person and

cannot attend every meeting regarding this river project due to medical or financial situations. Thank you for your time and noting of my opposing response to this project.

Best Regards  
W.E. Roberts



**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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**Sacramento River Restoration: Chico Landing Sub-Reach RM 178-206**  
State Clearinghouse (SCH) Number: 2004112024

Staff for The Department of Water Resources has reviewed the Notice of Preparation provided through the SCH and provides the following comments:

The proposed Project is located within a regulated stream or designated floodway (Sacramento River, Butte and Glenn Counties) over which The Reclamation Board has jurisdiction and exercises authority. Section 8710 of the California Water Code requires that a Board permit must be obtained prior to start of any work, including excavation and construction activities, within floodways, levees, and 10 feet landward of the landside levee toes. A list of streams regulated by the Board is contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 112.

Section 8(b)(2) of the Regulations states that applications for permits submitted to the Board must include a completed environmental questionnaire that accompanies the application and a copy of any environmental documents if they are prepared for the project. For any foreseeable significant environmental impacts, mitigation for such impacts shall be proposed. Applications are reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Section 8(b)(4) of the Regulations states that additional information, such as geotechnical exploration, soil testing, hydraulic or sediment transport studies, biological surveys, environmental surveys and other analyses may be required at any time prior to Board action on the application.

For further information on where to send the documentation, please contact me at (916) 574-0373 or ddjones@water.ca.gov.

  
DeeDee Jones, Chair  
Environmental Review Committee

cc: Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
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AUTHORITY

California Bay-Delta Authority  
Attn: Rebecca Fris  
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11-17-2004

Dear Rebecca:

I want to thank you for your commitment to detail during the scoping meeting last evening. Were it not for your interest, many of the "items to be addressed" would have been left in the air only to be recalled by those in attendance who had a special interest in them. Certainly the some would have conveniently allowed them to be lost in the next subject. It happens too often that way!

An issue that was discussed in a limited amount of detail and which I believe merits considerable additional discussion and research is the issue of preemptive removal of the existing almond trees without a bona fide assessment of the affects that their removal might have on flooding that might occur prior to the beginning of restoration. Certainly farming activities will begin; however, those activities have been shown dramatically to be of no value during high water that close to the river and particularly that close to the flood precipitous.

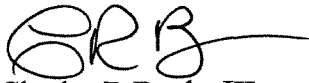
For the last 6+ years we have intentionally left 25+ acres right on this precipitous fallow to the extent that it is nearly impossible to walk through the area. This and only this have prevented the dramatic erosion to continue throughout this part of the Three B's. This particular area is in direct proximity to rivers flow both during flood up and particularly during floor release. To experience the full effect of the river on this area one must witness the devastation to the banks that make up the Three B's northwestern border at the river. Be it normal agriculture practice or not, the effect will be dramatic and the affect upon the environment and the neighbors must be assessed and damage indemnified should the Three B's property be affected by this action. Neither the Natures Conservancy nor the Sacramento Refuge Manager seem to be concerned about the immediate affects of this action.

Without moving into the court system for an injunction, can you tell me to whom I might turn to insure that appropriate study and thought is given to this issue before action is taken?

Finally, thank you for agreeing to forward a copy of the "item to be addressed" to me so that I do not duplicate my concerns in the final responses in advance of the Dec. 3, 2004 deadline.

I look forward to efforts to make date for further scooping meetings available further in advance of their time.

Professionally,

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Charles R Bocks III



**California Bay-Delta Authority Scoping Meeting  
Chico Landing Subreach Restoration CEQA Process  
November 16, 2004  
Ord Bend Community Hall**

**Meeting Notes**

Total attendees: Approximately 20 members of the public, and Rebecca Fris (CBDA), Ryan Luster (TNC), Kelly Moroney (USFWS), and Ron Unger (EDAW)

**Introductions and Presentations**

Rebecca Fris, CA Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA)

- Welcome and opening comments
- Purpose of the meeting
  - To receive public input and identify topics for incorporation into the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that CBDA is preparing for potential restoration of three parcels within the Chico Landing Subreach.

Kelly Moroney, US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)

- Project description in the context of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (SRNWR)
  - Discussion of USFWS NEPA process. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the action of buying the properties to restore them to riparian habitat; the agency published a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in February 2002. The Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the area was also discussed; the EA for the CCP is still open for public comment until January 2005.

Ryan Luster, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

- Project overview, site descriptions and timeframe
  - Pine Creek (formerly Sunset Ranch): The 25-acre tract is located south of Hwy 32 in Butte County. It includes a fallow walnut orchard that is not being managed for production. A total of 25 acres is proposed to be restored to riparian forest.
  - Capay – The 550-acre tract is located along Road 23 in Glenn County southeast of Hamilton City, adjacent to (Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Pine Creek Unit. It includes 430 acres on which various crops were cultivated, but were unsuccessful due to flooding and poor soils. CALFED funds were used to acquire the property. Proposed restoration of 550 acres would include a combination of native savannah, forest and grassland habitats. The proposed work would be coordinated with the Hamilton City setback levee so as not to affect that project, and has been evaluated through a separate hydrological modeling analysis.

- Dead Man's Reach – The 238-acre almond orchard is approximately one-half mile north of the Ord Ferry Road bridge in Butte County. The orchard production is declining with about 165 producing acres of the total 238-acre site (orchard acreage is now 165 since 73 acres have been lost to flooding and wind storms); proposed restoration would include removing the orchard and replacing it with a combination of native forest, savannah and grasslands.
- Hydrologic modeling has been completed for the proposed restoration at the sites.

## Public Comments

Issues, interests and concerns expressed by the public were recorded on flip charts. The discussion was facilitated by Rebecca Fris and recorded by Ron Unger. Questions were answered by Rebecca Fris, Ryan Luster, Kelly Moroney and Ron Unger. The following issues, interests and comments were expressed:

- Hunting regulations on USFWS refuge land: where will hunting occur? How will regulations be enforced? Will buffer strips be in place, and if so, how big will the buffers be? Kelly replied that a 100-foot buffer strip is proposed adjacent to neighboring land as part of the proposed CCP. Rebecca clarified that this public scoping meeting pertained to the proposed restoration work, and Kelly indicated that public comments are still being solicited for the CCP proposal as a separate process. The proposed CCP is found on the SRNWR internet web site.
- Include local input in restoration plan and the planting plan: value local knowledge, concerns and direct observations regarding flood patterns and allow local assistance with analysis and planning, especially at Deadman's Reach.
- Hydrology and water quality
  - need to monitor for possible erosion ( e.g., if proposed restoration results in increased water velocity)
  - if clear 238 acres of orchard, concerned if it causes increased silt deposition downstream or on adjacent properties (Note: actual acreage is now 165 since 73 acres have been lost to flooding and wind storms)
  - address/analyze historic drainage patterns
  - concern of vegetation overgrowth in flood release bypass and flow areas
  - silt deposits and lateral erosion – does the model analyze effects of river dynamics?
  - Dead Man's Reach rip rap: compare conditions, current versus removed
  - gravel recruitment for salmon affected?
  - Will proposed project affect river geomorphology/river meander?
- What potential is there for affects on Bank Swallow habitat by this project?

- Assess the effects of the orchard and the timing of orchard removal to prevent erosion on Dead Man's Reach, in particular.
- Funding
  - Concern that short-term funding is provided to install restoration projects, but long-term maintenance funding isn't provided to ensure success and avoid problems on refuge land
  - Annual maintenance funding is needed to ensure success after initial establishment period, e.g. to support ongoing invasive weed management, erosion
  - Need secure funding to fix current problems and long-term effects on adjacent lands
  - Public support is needed for USFWS efforts to get funding for maintenance of their land
- The "3Bs": Carefully analyze any project-related impacts to the flood release structure, such as by elderberry plants, that could result in potential constraints on future maintenance of the structure
- In cumulative impacts, address the entire long-term restoration plan for Dead Man's Reach

### **Next Steps**

Rebecca Fris recapped the process, reiterated the written comment deadline of December 3, 2004. She thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

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